

Hey! Ho! Come to the (Writers) Fair!

by Barbara Stanush

On Saturday, November 15, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., local writers, writers' organizations, publishers, and presses will have tables at the Writers Fair in the Central Library Auditorium. It's a wonderful time to visit and pick up information and books.

More than thirty applications from local writers have been received. And organizations including Pecan Grove Press, the *Palo Alto Review*, River Lily Press and the Institute of Texan Cultures, as well as others, will be participating.

The works of local writers will be for sale—a good time to start your holiday shopping. Most of all, it's a great get-together.

What a bonus! The San Antonio Library Foundation has mounted a Book Illustrators' Exhibit in the Gallery right next to the Auditorium. Some artists/illustrators are represented in both events!

The Writers Fair is for all of the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library as well as for the public. Do join us and bring your friends and neighbors.

Friends 2003 Arts and Letters Award Winners

by Robert LaCaff

Since early August, the Friend's Arts and Letters Awards Committee has been active in recruiting and selecting nominees for the 2003 Awards. Committee members are: Chair, **Robert LaCaff**; Members, **Pat Brown**, **Cathy Dean**, **Lee LaCaff**; and Reception Chair, **Mary McAfee**.

First presented by the Friends in 1972, the Arts and Letters Awards recognize and celebrate achievement by individuals who have demonstrated outstanding accomplishments in the arts and letters. The 63 recipients to date include local writers, artists, musicians, educators, entertainers, community leaders, and others who have served to enrich the literary, artistic, and cultural life of San Antonio.

LaCaff reported at the Friend's September Board meeting that the committee received 13 nominations for candidates for 2003 Awards. During an August special meeting, committee members discussed their review of the nominations. Of the six nominees accepted for final consideration, three were chosen and subsequently notified of their selection. The awardees are:

Maria Watson Pfeiffer, in honoring her more than 30 years as a distinguished local historian, preservation-



Maria Watson Pfeiffer

ist, historical consultant, author, co-founder of the San Antonio Library Texana-Genealogy Department, and later, president of the Library Friends of the department.

Lyn Belisle, in recognition of her exceptional and prolific contributions as a painter, illustrator, graphics



Lyn Belisle

and book designer, author, musician, honored educator, and mentor.

Richard Rosen, deserves standing applause for his more than 30 years as a San Antonio playwright, director, producer, performer, and founder and currently Executive Director of The Magik Theatre. His advocacy of children's using and loving libraries is central; he lives his credo: "a great theatre is a cultural library."



Richard Rosen

The 2003 Arts and Letters Awards Ceremony and Reception

Sunday,
December 7, 2003,
from
1:30–4:00 p.m.

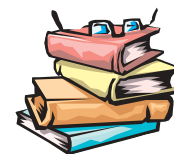
in the
Central Library Auditorium
and adjoining lobby at
600 Soledad Street.

Friends and other supporters are welcome and encouraged to join in recognizing and honoring these three unique and outstanding personalities.

FRIENDS OF THE SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, September 17, 2003

Lucy Gale



From the President

Dear Friends,

This letter may be a little different from those in the past; it concerns filling positions of responsibility in our organization. I am going to be making phone calls to ask for volunteers for our different committees. We should have Membership, Nominating, Newsletter, and Book Cellar committees. Right now, the only active committees are the Book Cellar and Newsletter committees.

We need to find people to serve on our Board and on our committees, and we need to find them soon.

I think for our organization to move forward on a positive note, we need to find people to join us. If you have any names, please call or e-mail me, and I will talk to the person to find out whether he or she would like to join us.

For our next meeting at the Central Library, I will try to have these names in place for our committees.

We are also going to be asked to volunteer at the Folklife Festival, so please let me know if you want to be put on that list. Let me hear from you about what you want to do in the coming year. We need to start making plans now.

*Barbara C. Isner,
President
Friends of the San
Antonio Public Library*

Board members present:

Lee LaCaff, Robert LaCaff, Gerry Celitans, Maria Pfeiffer, Lou Harris, Ronnie Retzlöff, Lucille Teeter, Pat Brown, Pat Konstam, Aaron Konstam, Edith Wah, Marti Nodine, Pat Mendiola, Martha Tarpley, Bettie Ward, Barbara Stanush, Lucy Gale, Barbara Isner

Library Board of Trustees Present:

Don Counts and Cathy Dean

SAPL Staff Present: Jeff Martin with Westfall Branch Library, Mary Louise Daneri, Assistant Library Director

Call to Order

President **Barbara Isner** called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM and thanked everyone for attending. **Lucy Gale** acted as secretary since the position is vacant.

Minutes of Last Meeting—as printed in the September/October newsletter:

- ♦The minutes for the July 30, 2003, Board meeting have the following corrections:

- ♦**Don Counts** represents the Library Board of Trustees and not the Library Foundation.

- ♦**Cathy Dean**, not **Pat Mendiola**, announced that the Mystic Park Branch will be named the Maury Maverick, Jr. Library.

- ♦A motion and a vote took place during the July 30th meeting approving the sale of posters at half-price to teachers.

- ♦The Treasurer's Report should reflect that **Aaron Konstam** changed the FOSAPL three Guaranty CDs and one Money Market account to three Money Market accounts. The three Money Market accounts are divided as: Life Members (previously a Guaranty CD), the remaining two Guaranty CDs changed to one Money Market, and the final Money Market account is a working capital certificate.

- ♦In the Book Cellar report Blimpie's is referred to incorrectly as Wimpie's.

Reports of Officers and Standing Committees

President—Barbara Isner

Barbara Isner introduced **Jeff Martin** with Westfall Branch Library. Jeff welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for coming.

Barbara first reported on the Sopa de Letras con Sandra Cisneros fundraising event. She said it was a wonderful event and thanked FOSAPL board members for allowing her to go, representing the Friends.

Barbara also reported that she had received a letter from an attorney informing her that a bequest has been left to the FOSAPL. No current action is necessary by the organization until the property mentioned in the will is sold and the attorney contacts her. No amount is indicated at this time. Barbara will keep the Board posted.

Stephanie Hailey spoke to Barbara about the SBC Yellow Pages FOSAPL ad. Barbara changed the ad to appear in black, white, and red, and the cost will be \$243 a month or \$2,916 a year. Current cost of the ad is \$1,700. Barbara stated that the changes were necessary to allow the ad to stand out and be easily found by the public. Next year the results of the new ad will be reviewed.

The McNay Museum asked Barbara if they could sell 15 Centennial posters. Barbara sold the 15 posters to the McNay for \$5 each with the stipulation that the museum would sell them for \$10 each.

Diana Gonzales-Bertrand is attending a teacher's conference and asked Barbara for a donation of 10 Centennial posters that she wanted to use as giveaways. Diana will show the poster during the conference and will direct attendees interested in purchasing a poster to the Book Cellar.

Secretary—Correspondence

None.

Treasurer—Aaron Konstam

Aaron Konstam apologized for the lack of a Treasurer's Report. He stated that he has acquired a new computer and new software, which caused the report to print with errors. Aaron will correct the report.

Membership—Ronnie Retzlöff

Ronnie Retzlöff reported 541 individual members and 171 dual members, which brings the total number of members to 883; 152 of those are life members. Ronnie stated that she will send out the membership renewal notices in October to avoid the holidays and any con-

fusion. She also stated that members who do not renew their membership receive the first newsletter of the next calendar year; then, they are dropped from the mailing list. The grace period for membership renewals goes until February 28th.

The board congratulated Ronnie for a good job on the *FOSAPL Membership Directory*. She stated that this year a different printer was used.

Newsletter—Marti Nodine

Marti Nodine reported that 850 newsletters were printed, and 745 of those were mailed out to the membership. The remaining newsletters were distributed to the Book Cellar, the Library, and FOSAPL board members. The Newsletter Committee decided on the newsletter's new name, new logo, and new design.

Book Cellar—Jim Wogstad

Jim Wogstad was out of town so Aaron Konstam gave the Book Cellar report. The Book Cellar has new volunteers including one who speaks Croatian and Serbian. The Book Cellar has been researching the cost of an additional phone line, which will be mentioned during the Library's report. Aaron added that new shelving is currently being installed for children's books.

Special Reports

Library Board—Don Counts

The Chairmanship term ends at the end of September. During the September 24th Board of Trustees meeting, the election of officers will take place. **Don Counts** wanted to thank FOSAPL on behalf of the Library Board of Trustees for their support of the Library system. Don also stated that he would like to see the continued partnership to help the Library among the Friends, Library Foundation, Library Staff, and Library Board of Trustees.

Don addressed the issue of a dual-use branch library at Roosevelt High School. In the upcoming Bond election, \$900,000 has been allocated to the Roosevelt Branch Library project. Everyone involved in the project planning felt that it could be a success. Don hopes the money will allow the Library to participate during the planning stages and, therefore, could improve the structure of

a library within a high school. Don also stated that one must accept the differences between the public and school library systems and know that each brings to the table service capabilities that will attract users. Don also stated that a 15,000-sq.-ft. library costs \$6.2 million, and, therefore, the Roosevelt project could not stand alone. He also confirmed that the branch library would be open during school hours and additional hours beyond, but, ultimately, NEISD will make final decision about the hours of operation. Reagan High School Branch Library has been a learning tool for the Library about what improvements can be made at Roosevelt to ensure success. Don informed the FOSAPL Board that the placement of the Roosevelt project was the decision of the District 2 City Councilman and not the recommendation of the Library Board of Trustees. The Library Board of Trustees did make a recommendation regarding a District 9 Library, but that recommendation did not make the final cut for the Bond election. Don stated that a different approach to library buildings might prove successful if developers would be approached to give back to the community.

Library Foundation—Lucy Gale

Lucy Gale reported that the tickets to the September 30th **Dr. Jane Goodall** lecture are almost gone. The lecture has also changed venues, from the Empire Theatre to the Municipal Auditorium, because of the great community response. The new venue will accommodate 5,000 attendees. Dr. Goodall will sign books after the lecture, and the Jane Goodall Institute will be present to sell her books and other Jane Goodall materials. Lucy has reserved tickets for FOSAPL board members who are interested in attending, and board members can see her at the end of the meeting for tickets. Lucy also mentioned that volunteers are needed to work as ushers during the event. Board members interested in volunteering need to contact Lucy this evening or at the Library Foundation office.

Lucy also announced that the Library Foundation and the Latino Leadership for the Library, along with the San Antonio Public Library, would host the

2002 Tomas Rivera Mexican-American Children's Book Award author presentation and reception on Friday, September 26th. The event is open to the public, and everyone is welcome to attend.

Lucy also announced that the Foundation is hosting a skeet-shooting event on Saturday, September 27th, as a fundraising event for the Texana/Genealogy Collection. Those who are interested can ask her for more information.

Library Administration—Mary Louise Daneri

Mary Louise Daneri spoke to the phone company and found that adding a telephone line in the Book Cellar would cost \$75, a one-time installation fee, plus a \$25 connection fee plus a \$25–\$30 monthly fee. Mary Louise informed the board that the City of San Antonio does have a set of regulations regarding telephone, computer, and data lines, and she will check the rules and regulations and how they apply to the Book Cellar.

Lucille Teeter made a motion to proceed with getting a second line if the City of San Antonio approves it. **Pat Brown** seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mary Louise stated that the Centennial posters are now being displayed and sold at the Circulation Desk. This action was in response to inquiries about the posters after the Book Cellar hours of operation.

Library Hispanic Heritage posters were passed out to the board members. This poster includes information on all branch activities for Hispanic Heritage Month.

Mary Louise then referred to a letter she sent to **Barbara Isner** regarding the staff picnic taking place on Oct. 19th at the Brackenridge Park Joske Pavilion from 1 PM–8 PM. The letter requests that the money left over from the Centennial Poster Project be redirected to sponsor the Library's staff picnic. After Mary Louise reviewed the two options for the catered event, **Aaron Konstam** made a motion to have the remaining Centennial poster funds redirected to sponsor the staff picnic. **Lucille Teeter** seconded the motion, which passed.

Old Business

Aaron Konstam made a motion to reduce the price of the Centennial

posters from \$10 each to \$5 each.

Gerry Celitans seconded the motion, which passed.

New Business

Arts & Letters—Robert LaCaff

Robert LaCaff reported that this year's committee, made up of **Pat Brown**, **Cathy Dean**, and **Lee LaCaff**, had four meetings and reviewed 13 nominations. Robert believes the high turnout of nominations was due in part to the article that appeared on the last newsletter asking for nominations. Of the 13 nominations, six were selected for consideration, and three were selected as winners. The winners are:

- ♦ **Maria Pfeiffer**
- ♦ **Lyn Belisle**
- ♦ **Richard Rosen**

The committee has also started planning the award ceremony to take place

at the Library Auditorium on December 7th from 1:30–4:00 PM.

Robert presented a memo to the board for consideration regarding the amendment to Standing Rule 6C of the FOSAPL bylaws. The amendment would recognize the Arts & Letters Committee as a standing committee of the FOSAPL and that a Standing Rule 6H be added stating that the committee's function as being: "Responsible for recruitment of nominees for and selection as recipients of FOSAPL annual Arts & Letters Awards, and the administration and conduct of an appropriate award presentation ceremony and reception." Robert made the motion to accept the amendment. **Gerry Celitans** seconded the motion. The motion passed. Robert will prepare the appropriate notice for the annual meeting to take appropriate action.

Announcements

Cathy Dean announced that TLA District 10 is having a meeting on Oct. 25th, and more information can be found at the TLA website.

Maria Pfeiffer announced that Texana/Genealogy Friends would have a book sale on January 17th and a meeting in November to finalize details.

Bettie Ward announced that **Claude Stanush** would present his book on October 8th at 7:00 PM at Westfall Branch Library.

Barbara Stanush announced that the Writer Friends would host a Writers Fair on Saturday, November 15th, at the Central Library Auditorium (page 1).

Cody Friends are having their book sale September 20th from 9:00 AM–3:00 PM.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

BRANCH LEAVES

(News from Support Groups)



Book Cellar

The Book Cellar remodeling and expansion project is well underway. The children's section has been moved to the windowed room off the patio. Full-length shelves along two walls hold easy readers and juvenile fiction, while three rows of low shelves in the center of the room are filled with nonfiction. Posters are up and seating is available at two tables. Brand-new gift books for children, priced at one-third to one-half their list price, are displayed on a long table.

This move has made way in the former children's section for expanded display of classics, young adult books, teaching materials, Spanish and other foreign-language books, and unclassified items labeled "new arrivals." Wooden shelves previously near the patio door are now at the front of the store, providing additional space for premium-priced

books. Magazines are in plastic crates in front of the former food counter.

The focus this month is on holiday books on Thanksgiving, Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa—collected during the year and brought out for the season. The selection includes books and videos for children and adults at regular or premium prices.

The Book Cellar has space to receive donations now, and is especially in need of paperback fiction. Receipts for tax purposes are available on request. Please come in to see the new layout and bring along paperback novels and mysteries you no longer need.

Pat Konstam

Book Cellar Correspondent

Brook Hollow

The Brook Hollow Friends will hold a fall book sale on Saturday, November 8, from 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM. In addition to our usual vast array of titles at bargain prices, we have received some wonderful donations for the sale, including a complete 24-volume collector's edition set of Sir Walter Scott's works and several dozen "like new" art books. Anyone who would like to help work at the book sale Nov. 8 or help set up for the sale on Fri-

day, Nov. 7, please call **Pat Bjornson** at 497-3279.

At our August meeting, we selected a nominating committee for officer elections, which will be held at our January 26, 2004, meeting. The meeting will be at 7:00 PM in the Brook Hollow meeting room. We also agreed to buy additional CD cases for the library and to provide an ongoing source of funds for supplies to maintain the display cases in the library. We look forward to adding our touch to the renovated branch library. As we understand it, the project is now out for bids, but we do not yet know when construction will begin.

Finally, we want to welcome Brook Hollow's new Children's Librarian, **Leigh Bedford**. Please stop by to meet her next time you visit Brook Hollow.

Beth Crabb, Treasurer

Carver

Carver Library Friends held three important events recently. Our used book sale, August 23, was very successful. I would like to thank all of the Friends who took part in this sale.

On September 5, the Friends dedicated *A Fenced Yard*, a novel by **Penny**

See Branch Leaves on page 5.

Harris in remembrance of a longtime Carver friend, **Clarice McKinney**. This was a particularly meaningful gift since the author is the daughter of **Dottie Harris**, a member of the Carver. Present as special guests were **Evette Dixon** and **Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hendricks**. **Anita Hendricks** is the daughter of the late **Clarice McKinney**.

On September 27, Carver Friends held an appreciation party for **Addie Armstrong**, Carver Branch's Librarian. She was really surprised and pleased about this special occasion dedicated to her.

Carver Friends are working with students from the Life Institute Academy to assist in the beautification of the Carver Library. **Vernon Mullen**, a Carver member and Master Gardener, is assisting on this special project.

Another member of Carver Friends, **John A Coleman**, is a local artist who is distinguishing himself by having his paintings on tour throughout the United States in the **Grant Hill** Art Collection. Mr. Hill is a professional basketball player with the "Orlando Magic"; he and his wife have collected more than 46 paintings from various African-American artists. The national tour begins in Orlando, Florida, in December, 2003. From Orlando, the show will proceed to New Orleans, Houston, Dallas, and Baltimore, Maryland, during 2004. It will also appear at the Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Massachusetts, and at Duke University in North Carolina before it closes. Please note that the first viewing of this collection in Texas will be in Houston, early next year.

Shirley F. Coleman, President

Cody

Ed Cody Branch Library's fall book sale on Saturday, September 20, was a marvelous success! We had good stock and lots of it (including a very fine selection of mark-ups). We had crowds of customers (130 standing in line to get in as the doors opened and many more all day long). We had many volunteer workers and great support by Cody staff (including recently retired **Sue McMas-**

and the day of the sale). And we made more than \$3,300! On a one-day sale!

Plans are under way to construct an inside book drop so that patrons can return check-outs, if none are overdue, without having to go through the check-in lines. Near the front entrance, the drop is sure to be a welcome change. The Cody Friends will be contributing to that project.

Celebrating SAPL's 100th Birthday on Saturday afternoon, October 4, was "a piece of cake!" . . . and cookies, coffee, punch, and other goodies. The folks who dropped in seemed to enjoy our casual Open House very much.

Margaret Lecznar, President

Oakwell

Oakwell Library will have a book sale on Saturday, November 15, between 11 AM and 3 PM. As usual, good books at bargain prices will be available.

The Oakwell Friends of the Library Annual meeting will be held November 22 at 2 PM in the Library's meeting room. Our speaker for that meeting will be **Lewis Fisher**, noted local author. The title of his talk will be, "The Spanish Missions of San Antonio." He will have some of his books for sale at the meeting.

Aaron Konstam, President

Texana/Genealogy

After a longer than usual break, the Friends of Texana/Genealogy will hold its next meeting on Monday, November 3, at 7:00 PM in the Central Library auditorium. **Lou Harris** will discuss her work to document the marking of El Camino Real across the state of Texas. Lou and her husband, Bob, a former president of the Friends of Texana/Genealogy, have been working on this project for several years. Due to scheduling (of both volunteers and the library auditorium), the annual Texana/Genealogy Book Sale has been postponed. It will take place on Saturday, January 17, 2004, in the Central Library auditorium. Mark it on your calendar and tell your friends. Also, if you have books to

donate, please call me (222-1586) or drop them off at the Texana/Genealogy Department, Central Library, 6th floor.

Members of the Texana/Genealogy staff will offer two workshops in the next couple of months—Beginning Genealogy on November 8th and Periodicals, Newspapers, and Indices in Family History Research on December 13th. Both are offered at the Central Library. We hope you can join us for some of these events!

Maria Watson Pfeiffer, President

Westfall

The Friends of Westfall Branch Library met on Oct. 8 and enjoyed hearing one of our own treasured members, **Claude Stanush**, discuss his recently published novel, *All Honest Men*, which he coauthored with his daughter, **Michelle**. This is a biographical novel based on the real-life bandit, **Willis Newton**, and it deals with the basic ambiguity of life in which good and evil are inextricably mixed. An interesting discussion followed the program.

Jeff Martin, Manager of Westfall Branch, was sorry to have to tell us that **Adriana Heard**, who has directed our Westfall Teen program, is leaving Westfall Branch. She has been appointed Manager of the Johnston Branch Library. We offer our congratulations, but we shall miss her.

Our next activity is the Westfall Used Book Sale on Sat. Nov 8, from 9:30 AM – to 4:00 PM. We hope to see you there!

Bettie Ward, President

Writer Friends

Our big News! The Writers Fair! On Saturday, November 15 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. See the article on page 1 of this edition of *SAPLings*.

Barbara Stanush

Texas Library Association (TLA) District 10 Fall Workshop



Ralph Domas chaired the TLA Region 10 Program Committee

Mendell Morgan, University of the Incarnate Word (UIW) Dean of Library Services, welcomed almost seventy librarians and Friends of libraries attending a professional development workshop, Saturday, October 25, at UIW's Mabey Library.

Chaired by Ralph Domas, TLA Region 10's Program Committee arranged four informative and varied Breakout Sessions: (1) Marje Harris' process-oriented presentation on genealogical research; (2) a panel discussion about developing Friends groups and using them to lobby for funding and to support library and community programs; (3) Anthony Andrade's Power Point lecture on the process of grant proposal writing to enlist Foundation, Fraternal and/or Governmental support; and (4) Cheryl C. Jones's well-attended presentation on time management from the perspective of a businesswoman.

After lunch, author David Liss gave an edgy, humorously ironic lecture on conspiracy theory, the subject of his first mystery novel, for which he received the "Edgar Award" (named for Edgar Allen Poe) in 2000 for his mystery novel *A Conspiracy of Paper*. Liss now has a second book to his credit, and both selections were for sale after the luncheon.



Cheryl Jones discussed time management and how to cram a 40-hour week into an 8-hour day.



*David Liss, Winner of 2000 Edgar Allen Poe Award for Best First Mystery Novel (American), *A Conspiracy of Paper*, autographed books for eager readers.*



Our Leader Eva Poole, TLA President, came to encourage us from TLA Headquarters in Austin.



Anthony Andrade, Director of Educational Services, Non-profit Resource Center of Texas, gave a Power Point lecture on what his agency can do for you and your branch. "The money is there...."



Eminent Panelists and our TLA President posed (and mugged) for the camera. L to R: Lee LaCaff, Eva Poole, Peggy Kruckemeyer, Barbara Isner and Mary McAfee.



Beth Crabbe and Felice Feldman, colleagues and Friends, attended the panel discussion on organizing and developing Friends groups as library advocates.



John Powell, Treasurer of TLA District 10 and David Liserio, Secretary of this region, registered attendees.



Mendell Morgan, UIW Dean of Library Services, greeted Lee LaCaff, Immediate Past President of San Antonio Friends and Panelist for Session II on Friends Organization and Management.



Joan Alcott, SAC Librarian, caught the camera's eye at the registration table.



Barbara Isner, President of the S.A. Friends, registered for one of those coveted door prizes.



Adriana Heard, newly appointed Librarian of the Johnston Branch, encouraged new member Dana Hutchins in her chosen profession.



Marlene Reynolds and Carol Gill met over a delicious Continental Breakfast before the Welcome and Opening Remarks.

Aaron Konstam wishes to announce that FOSAPL has just received a bequest of \$6,000 from the estate of **Vernon Marie Fort-assain**. President **Barbara Isner** mentioned at the last meeting that this possibility was pending. *Ed.*

by John Igo

- ♦ **Val Poska**, Windcrest, is an authority on miniature books (3" x 3" or less), publishes a bibliography of them and, occasionally, lectures on them in general and on his collection in particular.
- ♦ The two large, valuable collections of 18th century literature are at San Antonio College [**Lois Morrison Collection**, (1660-1742)], Incarnate Word College [**Marjorie Morrison Collection**, (1743-1798)]. UTSA is entering the field with a fabulous collection of first editions.
- ♦ **John Barrymore** did the black and white illustrations for a book of poems by a friend, **Ella Wheeler Wilcox**.
- ♦ Several editions of the *Encyclopedia Americana*, Vol. 27, bore the label, "Trance-Venial Sin."
- ♦ **Emily Bronte** wrote a novel in verse, *Gondal's Queen*.
- ♦ **Tereska Torres** wrote "*By Cecile*," a novel, all in the present tense.
- ♦ Mexican novelist, **Carlos Fuentes**, wrote a novel, *Aura*, using the second person everywhere.
- ♦ The first "*Lord's Prayer*" printed in Mexico City (c. 1520) was a total REBUS for the illiterate natives. It takes a half page to print.
- ♦ **Walt Whitman** wrote a temperance novel, *Arthur Evans*. Nobody reads it.

Note from the Editor

Our previous Board Meeting prompted me to consider some ways to improve the newsletter and my own performance as your editor. (These tasks go hand-in-hand, of course.)

I called our Newsletter Committee together and we brainstormed some changes concerning the flow of information, ways in which to proofread submissions for syntax and fact checking more carefully, while continuing to broaden coverage and make the publication more appealing visually.

We are trying to move toward making the newsletter (now called SAPLings by vote of the Committee) available on line as well as by surface mail. We are also trying to transmit electronically, as much as possible, the information that is to be shared, i.e., Business News, Branch Leaves, and Features. Building this structure will take time and is in an embryonic stage, as some of us are still technically challenged, including me.

In light of the goal stated above, we are establishing a few "best practices" for submitting material to me and to Alana Woods, who does the lionesses' share of the work in formatting our copy at Southwest Research where our newsletter is printed and labeled for mailing:

Suggestions:

Articles to be submitted should be a simple text file, or in Word, WordPerfect, QuarkXpress, HTML, or PDF. Alana prefers Word or WordPerfect (otherwise, she has to go to another office with the disk to "decode" it, extra work on her part and an additional charge to the Friends). Also, please add the extension that indicates what kind of file it is, so that she can access it. For example:

- ♦ Word file -- filename.doc
- ♦ WordPerfect -- filename.wp
- ♦ QuarkXpress -- filename.qxd or filename.qxp
- ♦ HTML -- filename.htm or filename.html
- ♦ PDF -- filename.pdf
- ♦ text -- filename.txt
- ♦ Excel -- filename.xls

E-mail files to awoods@swri.org (in addition to me at martisatex@aol.com) either as attachments or in the message. Photo scan resolution should be 180 (dpi or pixels per inch) or better.

Alana can receive zipped files and fairly large files. If your server can send it, her server can receive it.

If you have something that needs to be mailed, please send it to Alana Woods, Southwest Research Institute, P.O. Drawer 28510, City, 78228-0510 as well as to Marti

Suggested Change in Standing Rules

by Robert LaCaff

At the September 12, 2003 meeting of the Board of the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library, the Board voted to amend their Standing Rules as follows:

Rule 6C to be amended to read

"Standing Committees are: Nominating, Membership, Newsletter, Book Cellar, and Arts and Letters Annual Award Committee."

Add 6H to be added to read:

"The Arts and Letters Annual Award Committee is responsible for recruitment of nominees for and selection as recipients of FOSAPL annual Arts and Letters Awards, and the administration and conduct of an appropriate award presentation ceremony and reception."

These changes will be voted on at the next Membership meeting.

NOTE: Section 1, Article X of the Bylaws states that: Standing rules may be amended or new rules adopted at any regular or special meeting of the members of this corporation on the recommendation of the Board of Directors and with an affirmative vote of a majority of the members present and voting, a quorum being present. No Standing Rule may conflict with provisions of these Bylaws.

Nodine, 10935 Whisper Valley, City, 78230-3617.

Let me assure you that we are moving very slowly with this process and do not want to alienate anyone by moving either too fast or in a direction in which the membership does not feel comfortable. However, we do need to keep pace with information flow in the society at large and in the library system in particular.

Hasta! Marti

Marti Nodine, Editor

P.S. Details of the Newsletter Committee meeting and some ideas that we are mulling over will appear in the Committee Report I will give at the next Board Meeting. I will post it on our Web Site, if you would like to read it in full.

Thanks to all of you who have recently offered constructive criticism so diplomatically. Candid suggestions about how I can serve you better need to be made and are welcome.

Treasurer's Report

As of 10/14/2003

Submitted by Aaron Konstam, Treasurer

Account	12/31/2002 Balance	10/14/2003 Balance
Bank Accounts		
Guaranty CD.....	25,479.93	0.00
Guaranty CD.....	25,479.93	0.00
Guaranty CD.....	22,550.00	0.00
Guaranty Checking.....	13,005.66	42,970.51
Guaranty MM.....	56,427.52	53,134.29
MM - Life Members.....	0.00	24,361.79
MM-4644.....	0.00	52,026.90
TOTAL Bank Accounts.....	142,943.04	172,493.49
Liability Accounts		
Branch Funds.....	-60,473.16	-61,215.94
TOTAL Liability Accounts.....	-60,473.16	-61,215.94
OVERALL TOTAL.....	82,469.88	111,277.55

Category Description 1/1/2003-10/14/2003

INFLOWS

Uncategorized.....	0.00
Bequest.....	6,000.00
Book Cellar.....	46,859.75
Donations.....	1,378.00
Interest Inc.....	1,153.68
Membership	
FOSAPL.....	5,416.00
TOTAL Membership.....	5,416.00
Poster Sales.....	1,270.00
IntInc.....	434.28
FROM Branch Funds.....	19,229.84
TOTAL INFLOWS.....	81,741.55

OUTFLOWS

Accounting.....	2,000.00
Arts and Letters.....	102.00
Bank Charge.....	138.58
Bank Fees.....	5.00
Bulk Mail.....	1,445.49
Contribution.....	10,200.00
Copying.....	9.40
Income Tax.....	495.00
Mail Box.....	68.00
Misc.....	81.81
Newsletter.....	2,408.05
Office Supplies.....	71.31
Parking	
Manager.....	300.00
Volunteers.....	2,752.25
TOTAL Parking.....	3,052.25
Payroll Taxes.....	587.20
Postage.....	449.77
President's Expenses.....	75.00
Printing.....	821.00
Salary.....	4,012.52
Sales Tax.....	6,843.54
Social Security.....	669.60
Tax	
Medicare.....	156.60
TOTAL Tax.....	156.60
Volunteer Appreciation.....	264.56
TO MM-4644.....	51,774.26
TO Branch Funds.....	18,487.06
TOTAL OUTFLOWS.....	104,218.00
OVERALL TOTAL.....	-22,476.45

Branch Funds

Account	12/31/2002 Balance	10/14/2003 Balance
Cash Accounts		
Brook Hollow.....	10,700.48	11,374.11
Carver.....	1,401.20	1,517.98
Cody.....	4,189.58	9,389.15
Johnston.....	443.00	452.00
McCreless.....	1,640.62	2,611.18
Oakwell.....	12,965.08	13,404.26
Teens.....	37.89	49.89
Texana/Genealogy.....	15,442.05	12,643.35
Thousand Oaks.....	2,618.74	1,277.47
Westfall.....	8,228.97	5,492.00
Writers.....	2,805.55	3,004.55
TOTAL Cash Accounts...	60,473.16	61,215.94
OVERALL TOTAL.....	60,473.16	61,215.94

Catetory Description 0001/1/2003-10/14/2003

INFLOWS

Book Sale	
Brook Hollow.....	2,636.55
Carver.....	386.51
Cody.....	5,622.60
McCreless.....	1,485.54
Oakwell.....	4,445.25
Thousand Oaks.....	917.31
Westfall.....	1,025.08
TOTAL Book Sale.....	16,518.84
Donation.....	1,189.00
Dues	
Brook Hollow.....	78.00
Carver.....	49.00
Cody.....	139.00
Johnston.....	9.00
McCreless.....	124.00
Oakwell.....	129.00
Teens.....	2.00
Texana/Genealogy.....	468.00
Thousand Oaks.....	36.00
Westfall.....	176.00
Writers.....	199.00
TOTAL Dues.....	1,419.00

TOTAL INFLOWS..... 19,126.84

OUTFLOWS

Expenses	
Brook Hollow.....	2,180.92
Carver.....	1,851.52
Cody.....	562.03
McCreless.....	611.98
Oakwell.....	4,215.07
Texana/Genealogy.....	4,212.70
Thousand Oaks.....	2,294.58
Westfall.....	2,455.26
TOTAL Expenses.....	18,384.06

TOTAL OUTFLOWS..... 18,384.06

OVERALL TOTAL..... 742.78

Form for Gifts, Donations, and Memorials

Honor a loved one with a remembrance for birthdays, anniversaries, or "just because." It can also be a wonderful, thoughtful, and lasting way to honor the memory of a relative or friend.

If you do not want to make a contribution at this time, clip this form and save it for the appropriate occasion.

I would like to make the following donation:

- ☐ In honor of ☐ In memory of
- ☐ Special event (birthday, graduation, etc.)

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Amount \$ _____ (All donations are tax deductible.)

Acknowledgement to:

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

My Name and Address:

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

Please fill out in full, make your check payable to:

Friends of the San Antonio Public Library
and mail to: Sheila Figueroa, Chair
Friends of the San Antonio Public Library (FOSAPL)
P.O. Box 831174
San Antonio, Texas 78283-1174



FRIENDS of the SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY

Membership Application

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone _____

____ Individual (Adult) \$ 10
____ Dual (Adult) \$ 20
____ Individual (Teen, Ages 13-18) \$ 5
____ Patron (Per Person) \$ 50
____ Contributing (Per Person) \$100
____ Life (Per Person) \$250

____ New Member
____ Renewal

Branch Group _____

Additional Donation \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

____ Do not include my phone number in the Friends' directory.

____ I'd like to volunteer at the Book Cellar (used book store).

____ Please call me: I'd like to be an active participant.

MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO: Friends of the San Antonio Public Library (or FOSAPL).

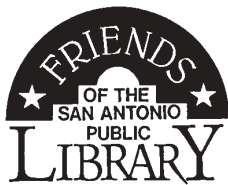
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CALENDAR OF BOOK SALES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Please refer to the Branch Leaves for support group meetings. It's a good idea to call and verify information before setting out for a meeting or program. Sometimes dates or times change after newsletter publication.

- Nov. 3 Texana/Genealogy meeting, Central, 7:00 PM
- Nov. 4 CITY-WIDE BOND ELECTION
- Nov. 8 Brook Hollow Friends Book Sale, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM
- Nov. 8 Westfall Book Sale, 9:30 AM-4:00 PM
- Nov. 15 WRITER FRIENDS BOOK FAIR, Central, 10:00AM-4:00 PM
- Nov. 15 Oakwell Book Sale, 11:00 AM-3:00 PM
- Nov. 19 FOSAPL Board Meeting, Central, 7:00 PM
- Nov. 22 Oakwell Annual Business Meeting, 2:00 PM
- Dec. 6-7 McCreless Book Sale
- Dec. 7 ARTS & LETTERS AWARDS CEREMONY AND RECEPTION, Central Aud, 1:30-4:00 PM
- Jan. 17 Texana/Genealogy Book Sale, Central

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530 Heimer Road, 78232
(210) 496-6315

Central Library
600 Soledad Street, 78205
(210) 207-2534

Cody Library
11441 Vance Jackson, 78230
(210) 696-6396

McCreless Library
1023 Ada Street, 78223
(210) 532-4254

Oakwell Library
4134 Harry Wurzbach, 78209
(210) 828-2569

Westfall Library
6111 Rosedale Court, 78201
(210) 344-2373

REMEMBER TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP TO THE FRIENDS AS SOON AS YOU CAN!

*Note: Each branch Friends group has a designated representative to the Board. However, these Board meetings are open to the general membership. All members are invited and encouraged to attend these meetings.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER COPY IS DECEMBER 15, 2003

See NOTE FROM THE EDITOR on page 8 for updated details.